

June 2005

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION TOP LIST OF PRIORITIES

I was pleased to be able to allocate more than \$1.1 million in Third District funds to support 61 projects as part of the city's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process.

These funds help support affordable housing efforts, neighborhood revitalization, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, senior services, small business development, and a myriad of other worthy public safety and neighborhood service projects and social service organizations. In addition to these projects, funds were also allocated to pay for major long-term commitments to the City Heights Urban Village Project and the Third District Infrastructure Project.

This year I placed special emphasis on continuing our efforts to provide greater access to affordable housing, allocating funds to Community HousingWorks for their HomeOwnership Center and their Facelift project, as well as for the creation of a Third District Housing Counselor. I also allocated funds to the San Diego Home Loan Counseling Center for their Financial Keys to Affordable Housing program, to the Fair Housing Council for their landlord-tenant education-mediation program, and to the City Heights Community Development Corporation for their Quality Affordable Housing project.

Funds were also allocated for a full-time Neighborhood Code Compliance Department officer for City Heights; neighborhood improvement projects for Adams Avenue, Azalea Park, Cherokee Point, El Cajon Boulevard, Fox Canyon, and Shirley Ann Place; sidewalks and streetlight programs district-wide; and the two Model Village Projects slated for University Avenue in North Park and El Cajon Boulevard in Normal Heights and City Heights.

The funds will be available on July 1st, which is the start of the new fiscal year. For a complete list of allocations, contact George Biagi in my office at 619/236-6527.

COMMUNITY PERSISTENCE HELPS CLOSE DOWN KINDRED SPIRITS



Councilmember Atkins addresses the press.

On May 19th, I joined community members, San Diego Police Department representatives, and officials from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) at a press conference in

front of Kindred Spirits Tavern at 3641 Madison Avenue in Normal Heights as ABC announced the suspension of the tavern's liquor license.

The posting of the suspension notice marked the successful end of a long battle waged by the community to close down the bar. Over the years, some patrons of Kindred Spirits had plagued the neighborhood with loud and disorderly behavior, drug use and sales, vandalism, property damage and a host of other oft-reported complaints that, in one year alone, generated 153 police calls.

I want to offer special thanks to the members of the community and the San Diego Police Department who got involved and stayed with this problem until a suitable resolution was achieved. Your tenacity and determination paid off, and you should be proud of your efforts. I also want to thank the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and all the other governmental and social service agencies who worked together to help resolve this issue. This liquor license suspension sends a strong message to bar owners and managers that they must strive to make sure that their businesses don't have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. This is especially true in our older, urban areas where these businesses are so closely located near residential homes, apartments, and other small businesses.

It's great to see community members succeed in taking back and preserving the quality of life in a neighborhood. Congratulations!!



ABC officials and police post the suspension notice.

CITY'S FIRST CRIMESTOPPERS SIGN UNVEILED IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

On May 6th I was invited to take part in the Crime Stoppers news conference on Park Boulevard next to the University Heights sign to unveil a new community sign--the first of its kind in the city--designed to aid in crime prevention and criminal apprehension. Chief Lansdowne, along with many members of his command staff, and city and county representatives, joined community members for the unveiling.



The first of 60 new Crime Stoppers signs (above) was unveiled on Park Blvd. in University Heights at a press conference (left) attended by Councilmember Atkins, Police Chief Lansdowne, police command leaders and community members.



Crime Stoppers has purchased an initial 60 community signs as a pilot program. The sign is similar in size to Neighborhood Watch signs and will be placed initially in the business

districts and communities in and around University Heights and North Park (Western Division). The sign reads: "Criminals beware, this community is watching you and will report criminal activity." The sign instructs people to call the Crime Stoppers toll-free number at 1-888-580-TIPS (8477), where they can earn up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous if their information leads to a felony arrest.



Councilmember Atkins welcomes community members and the media to the Crime Stoppers sign unveiling. From left are Community Relations Officer Ed LaValle, Atkins, Police Chief William Lansdowne, University Heights Community Association President Candace Bremond, and University Heights Law Enforcement Committee Chair Nan McGraw.

CRIME PREVENTION FORUM FOR VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY DRAWS 60

More than 60 members of San Diego's Vietnamese community showed up for a Mid-City Crime Prevention Forum on May 26th to hear about ways to curb a recent series of crimes targeting Vietnamese businesses. Co-hosted by the San Diego Police



Councilmember Atkins with Vietnamese Federation President Nghiep Le.

Department, the Vietnamese Federation of San Diego, and my office, the forum was held in the community room of the City Heights Recreation Center at 4380 Landis Street.



Over 60 members of the Vietnamese community attended the forum.

I would like to offer my special thanks to Vietnamese Federation President Nghiep Le for his outstanding work to organize and publicize the event within the Vietnamese community. I also want to commend the San Diego Police

Department, in particular Mid-City Division Captain Bob Kanaski, Lieutenant Carey Brooks, and Community Relations Officers Patti Clayton, Hung Dinh, Hung Nguyen and Nam Nguyen, for their presentations and presence at the forum.

As a follow-up to the forum, Lt. Kanaski and I were pleased to be able to participate in a one-hour live radio interview on June 2nd on the local Vietnamese radio station that broadcasts from 30th Street in North Park. I'm hopeful that through increased vigilance, improved communication between the police and Vietnamese businesses, and support from the community, we'll be able to quickly and effectively resolve this situation.

(L to R)
Nghiep Le,
CRO Patti
Clayton, Lt.
Brooks and
Captain
Kanaski took
turns
addressing
the audience.





Councilmember Atkins presents SuperMercado Murphy's owner Mark Kassab with a special district commendation celebrating the store's grand opening.

SUPERMERCADO MURPHY'S OFFERS INTERNATIONAL MARKET IN CITY HEIGHTS

I was thrilled to be on hand to celebrate the ribbon-cutting for SuperMercado Murphy's, a one-of-a-kind international grocery store at 4580 University Avenue in City Heights. This beautiful marketplace opened for business on May 9th and celebrated its grand opening on May 25th. The business includes a tortilleria, panaderia, taqueria, carniceria, and a full-range produce department.



Councilmember Atkins joins the Kassab family, Father Edmundo Zarate-Suarez of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, and San Diego Police Lt. Thomas Orden of Mid-City Division for the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

SuperMercado Murphy's is one in a series of improvements the Kassab family has made in City Heights. This project restored an old building on University Avenue and created 75 new permanent jobs for City Heights residents. Since 1981, the Kassab family has been an important contributor to the

community's stability and prosperity. Their good will and generosity in donating food, drinks and funds to local non-profits, neighborhood organizations, sports teams and community events is legendary, and has made them one of the most beloved families in Mid-City.



Metro Villas

METRO VILLAS, METRO CAREER CENTER GAIN NATIONAL ACCLAIM

The Metro Villas/Metro Career Center complex was recently honored with a "Meritorious Achievement Award" at the 2005 National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA) gathering in Austin, Texas.



San Diego Workforce Partnership Metro Career Center

According to NALHFA Manager Scott Lynch, the complex "embraces the spirit of this year's conference theme, 'The Changing Face of Affordable Housing.' The project was cited for its numerous "smart growth" elements geared toward helping the community's needs, which the association felt could be replicated on a national level.

The eye-catching, newly constructed mixed-use development is considered a model for smart growth on a number of levels. Located in the heart of City Heights, on 39th Street between University Avenue and Polk Avenue adjacent to I-15, it provides much-needed affordable housing for the area's workforce, as well as community services, which include job training, career counseling and a computer center. It is located near jobs, public transit,

parks, schools, and shopping. Further, it greatly improved the surrounding neighborhood by replacing aging properties with an attractive, dynamic, multi-use community facility.

Metro Villas/Metro Career Center funding and development partners included the City of San Diego's Redevelopment Agency, Centre City Development Corporation, the San Diego Housing Commission, the City Heights Community Development Corporation, San Diego Interfaith Housing, San Diego Workforce Partnership, and San Diego Revitalization Corporation/Price Charities. The complex was designed by Studio E Architects.

EL CAJON BLVD. TRANSIT PLAZA MOVING FORWARD

Have you driven by the bridge decks over the I-15 freeway on El Cajon Boulevard and wondered what the steel and concrete construction was all about?



The transit plaza decks on El Cajon Boulevard above I-15 should be completed by August.

Those steel uprights and supports are being installed on this transit plaza as the supporting structure for canopied shelters that will include seating and a vertical blade sign that will read "The Boulevard." Additionally, four community identification arches will be installed in the latter part of June. Improvements are part of the Mid-City Transit Gateways Project, which is intended to create a more pedestrian-friendly ambiance on these transit plazas.



(Above) An artist's rendering of the transit plaza decks on El Cajon Boulevard above I-15.

Cost of constructing the El Cajon Boulevard bridge deck improvements is approximately \$1.8 million dollars, with funding being provided by a federal TEA 21 grant, a city match of TransNet funds, and participation by SANDAG and the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area tax increment funds.

The project is expected to be completed by late August 2005.

(Right) Planters and seating areas planned for the transit plaza.



CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY FOR FINAL STRETCH OF BOULEVARD MEDIANS

The \$3.7 million Third District Infrastructure Bond, which was created two years ago with Community Development Block Grant funds, continues to pay dividends. Construction on the highly anticipated median improvement project from Texas Street to 30th Street on El Cajon Boulevard is now underway, and the aesthetic improvements to the neighborhood should prove to be quite dramatic.

The seven newly constructed medians will include the following amenities: street trees and landscaping surrounded by enhanced paving; an automatic irrigation system in each median; turn pockets at Kansas, Idaho, Hamilton and Arizona streets; an upgraded median street light system; two traffic signal modernizations (at Oregon and Utah streets); and upgraded handicapped-accessible curb ramps.



This project will complete the El Cajon Boulevard median improvements between Park Boulevard and 44th Street, a three-mile stretch of this main thoroughfare. Substantial completion of the Texas Street to 30th Street project is expected in November 2005.

BALBOA PARK TO GET 544 NEW TREES

Balboa Park will receive 544 new trees as part of a collaborative effort between the City of San Diego and Caltrans. The trees will be planted in the Archery Range area below the Laurel Street Bridge. Most of the trees are native to the region, including oak, sycamore, Torrey pine, and cottonwood. Some eucalyptus and Lombardy poplar trees will be planted as well. As part of the project, over 100 large dead eucalyptus trees have been removed.

The project is being conducted as mitigation for the visual impact of the safety guardrails recently installed by Caltrans in the 163 median as called for in the SR 163 Corridor Management Plan. The planting, which will include installation of an irrigation system, is underway and expected to be complete by August 1st. The trees vary in size from 1 gallon to 15 gallons. Recreational use of the archery range will not be impacted by the planting.

POLICE NOW HANDLING 911 CELL CALLS WITHIN SD CITY LIMITS

There's some good news to report for City of San Diego cellular phone users in need of emergency police assistance. When you dial 911 from your cell phones within San Diego city limits, your calls will no longer be routed through the California Highway Patrol first, then transferred to the appropriate jurisdiction. Instead, they will now be handled directly by the San Diego Police Department's communications division.

This process should cut emergency response times and will better pinpoint the location of the callers needing assistance.



When cell phones first came into existence as accessories to automobiles, the practice of routing the calls through the California Highway Patrol was instituted since most calls were related to vehicular accidents. However, as technology advance and cell phones began to be carried by hand, having the highway patrol handle all 911 calls became impractical.

To make sure that you can access the city's police emergency system, first check with your cell phone provide to make sure you have an E911-ready cell phone. E911 will allow the receiving party to receive your phone number and the location of the cellular tower being used, thus allowing your location to be determined by the Global Positioning System.

SHADE TREE PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Looking to help cool down our urban communities? Well, search no further than the 2005 Cool Communities Shade Tree Program, which took root recently.

The San Diego Regional Energy Office, in cooperation with People for Trees, is giving away over 17,000 shade trees throughout San Diego County to single-family and multi-family residences, as well as K-12 schools. These aren't tiny trees, either! They are full-sized trees, 10- to 15- gallon nursery-quality specimens in your choice of over 20 varieties, with up to five trees per household.

For more information, call 1-888-831-8620 to request a hard copy of the informational program guide, or go to www.sdreo.org, and click on "Programs," then click on "Cool Communities Shade Tree Program."

CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSES SAME SEX DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ELDER ABUSE

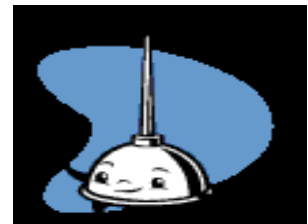
I joined with my council colleagues recently to accept a state grant for \$115,645 that will fund a program targeting same sex domestic violence and elder abuse in San Diego. The grant is issued through the state's Office of Emergency Assistance.

The same sex domestic violence program will pay for a prosecutor in the San Diego City Attorney's office who will train law enforcement officers to help them better identify instances of same sex domestic violence when they respond to disturbance calls. The prosecutor will also make presentations at the San Diego LGBT Community Center concerning myths and misperceptions about same sex domestic violence, and will conduct outreach to seniors about elder abuse.

The city received similar grants in 2003 and 2004. The funds received for this project will be used solely and specifically for the goals outlined in the project. The city will provide the required 25 percent match through the use of staff salaries.

8 OIL COLLECTION SITES AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

The next time you take your mechanic's advice and change the oil in your car or truck, take advantage of one of these eight locations in the Third Council District where you can drop off your old, sludge-like oil:



- AutoZone, 4005 30th Street, North Park
- AutoZone, 3843 University Avenue, City Heights
- Kragen, 2810 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park
- Kragen, 1753 Euclid Avenue, City Heights
- Lusti Motors, 1844 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park
- Oil Changer #504, 2448 El Cajon Blvd., North Park
- Pearson Ford, 4300 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights
- Pep Boys, 3550 El Cajon Boulevard, Normal Heights

Always remember: Never pour automotive oil down the drain or dispose of it during your regular weekly trash removal. It needs to be deposited at one of the above locations, or a similarly approved oil collection site.

UPCOMING DISTRICT THREE STREET FAIRS, PARADES, CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

Old House Fair

30th Street and Beech Street,
South Park
Saturday, June 18; 10am to 5pm
Contact: 619/233-6679

18th Annual International Summer Organ Festival

Through August 29th
Monday evenings at 7:30pm; Free admission
Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park
June 20: Opening Night: Bach Champagne Supper;
Dr. Carol Williams, Civic Organist; Robert Plimpton
and Jared Jacobsen, Civic Organists Emeriti
June 27: Ben Van Oosten, concert organist from
Grote Kerk in The Hague
July 4: David Peckham, theatre organist
July 11: Ken Cowan, concert organist
July 18: Gordon Stewart, British concert organist
July 25: Movie Night with Dennis James, organist
August 1: Chelsea Chen and Tom Trenney, rising
stars
August 8: Simon Preston, concert organist formerly
of Westminster Abbey
August 15: Gordon Turk, resident organist at the
historic Auditorium in Ocean Grove, New Jersey
August 22: Gabriel Dessauer, concert organist from
St. Bonifaituis, Wiesbader, Germany
August 29: Grand Finale: Carol Williams,
Civic Organist, San Diego Master Choral

North Park Community Association

Summer Concerts

Saturdays, 5:30-7:30pm: Free admission
July 2nd, Bird Park: Billy Watson & His Int'l
Silver String Submarine Band
July 16th, Bird Park: Chris Klich Jazz Quintet
with Laura Preble
July 30th, Bird Park: Hot Club of San
Diego
August 6th, North Park Community Park:
Kush & Bloodfiyah Angels
August 20th, Bird Park: New Lost
Melody Boys

For more information, go to:
[www.summerconcerts@
northparksd.org](http://www.summerconcerts@northparksd.org)

University Heights CDC's

Summer In The Park Concert Series

Trolley Barn Park, Adams Avenue and
Florida Street
Friday evenings, 6 to 8pm, Free admission
July 8: Nitro Express Country Rock Band
July 15: Len Rainey & The Midnight Players
July 22: The Vision Band
July 29: Breez'n, San Diego's Variety Band
August 5: The Fabulous Ultratones
August 12: 7th Day Buskers Acoustic Roots Band
August 19: Sue Palmer
Contact: 619/297-3166

LGBT Pride Rally, Parade, and Festival

Rally: Pride Festival Main Stage, Juniper Street and
Balboa Park Drive: Friday, July 29; 6:45pm
Parade: Hillcrest, University Ave. between Normal
Street and Sixth Avenue: Saturday, July 30; 11am
Festival: Balboa Park at Sixth Ave. and Juniper St.:
Sat., July 30; Noon -10pm, Sun., July 31; 11am-8pm
Contact: 619/297-7683

CityFest

Hillcrest, Fifth Ave. between University
Ave. and Upas St.
Sunday, August 14; 10am-7pm
Contact: 619/299-3330

Latin Pride

Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, Balboa Park
Saturday, August 20; 3pm to 10pm
Contact: 619/692-2077, ext. 116

Ebony Pride

Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, Balboa Park
Saturday, August 27
Contact: info@ebonypride.org or 619/515-3606.

Adams Avenue Street Fair

Adams Avenue between Felton St. and 35th St.
Saturday, September 24; 10am-10pm
Sunday, September 25; 10am-6pm
Contact: 619/282-7329

AIDS Walk

Balboa Park, Sixth Avenue and
Quince Street
Sunday, Oct. 2; 7am-Noon
Contact: 619/291-9255

District Three Community/Neighborhood Meetings

City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Tuesday at 6:30pm, 3737 Wightman Street. Contact: 619-285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 West Gate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky at rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: 619/281-3551.

Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): 2469 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92102, 619/696-9992. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the GGHCDC offices.

Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

Normal Heights Community Dinners: Held the third Wednesday of the month (January-October) at 6:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: 619/280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 pm at North Park Christian Fellowship Church, 2901 North Park Way.

South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays at 6:00 and last one hour. For information, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC) meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Neighborhood Association meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue, at 7:00pm

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DISTRICT THREE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)

Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Darlene Davies, chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

City Heights Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue

Meets the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Contact: Jim Varnadore, Chair, 619/280-3910.

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Steven Stratman, Chair, 619/702-6055.

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way

Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: John McGaughy, Chair, 619/574-1135, or jstewartstudios@aol.com

Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

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MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am

Contact: 619/282-7329

City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at

8am at the Indo-Chinese Asso., 4536 University Avenue.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5588, San Diego, CA 92165

Phone: 619/540-4410

El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard

Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am

Contact: 619/283-3608

Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm

Contact: 619/299-3330.

North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am

Contact: 619/294-2501

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

Rick Castro (City Heights East) -- 619/515-2733

Rick Edgil (Hillcrest) -- 619/291-1729

Gary Gonzales (Golden Hill, South Park) -- 619/744-9500

Ed LaVelle (North Park, University Heights, Burlingame) -- 619/533-5795

Pat Norris (Fairmount Park) -- 619/531-1515

Bill Taitano (Normal Hgts., Kensington/Talmadge) -- 619/531-2815

Jim Tulumello (City Heights West) -- 619/516-3009

MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm

Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

North Park Project Area Committee

North Park Community Service Center, 3956 30th St.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977,

or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

District Three Staff

Denise Price, Chief of Staff; media, government relations, special projects, board appointments, pension, labor relations, budget.

George Biagi, Director of Communications, media liaison, webpage, newsletter; Council Representative to University Heights; Community Development Block Grant coordinator; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; Chargers, Padres and other sports-related issues (excluding Petco Park); special events; Special Orders of Business/Council proclamations.

Jeff Gattas, Chief of Policy; Council Representative to Golden Hill and South Park; Council and committee docket overview; macro economic development issues, housing, strong-mayor transition, open government issues, living wage.

Stephen Hill, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Balboa Park and Kensington/Talmadge; environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander and African-American communities; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and the Chief of Staff, office manager, scheduler, volunteer coordinator, archive and records manager, constituent services tracking.

Monica Pelaez, Council Representative to North Park; liaison to the Latino community; Council docket coordinator; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison; senior issues.

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Uptown, Hillcrest and Normal Heights; infrastructure, citywide redevelopment including Downtown and Petco Park, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, BID Council, NTC.